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ENID MAN TO SERVE MORE THAN 15 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON ON FEDERAL FIREARM AND DRUG CHARGES

Robert G. McCampbell, United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, announced that **KHAMPHAY SOUVANNARATH**, 36, of Enid, was sentenced yesterday by United States District Judge David L. Russell to serve 188 months in federal prison for being a convicted felon in possession of firearms and for possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

On July 28, 2004, law enforcement personnel with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Enid Police Department found Souvannarath to be in possession of a Czechoslovakian made 9mm semi-automatic pistol and a .32 caliber semi-automatic pistol. Souvannarath was also found to be in possession of approximately 9.3 grams of meth in little packages.

Federal firearms laws prohibit a person convicted of a felony from being in possession of a firearm or ammunition. Souvannarath had two prior felony convictions in Garfield County.

Souvannarath pled guilty to the charges last November.

This case was prosecuted in federal court as part of "Project Exile," which is a cooperative partnership between local, state and federal law enforcement in the Western District of Oklahoma designed to make our streets safer by taking violent criminals off the streets through vigorous enforcement and prosecution of federal gun laws. "Project Exile" is part of the U.S. Department of Justice's national Project Safe Neighborhoods program.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Enid Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Tim Ogilvie.

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